

## JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

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### Closure Report of the Vermont Judicial Conduct Board

Re: Docket No. 16.035

This Complaint contains allegations including that the Judge took too long to issue a decision. The matter is in Family Court and involved cross motions to modify parent child contact. This was a highly contested matter with a large number of motions filed. The matter was appealed to the Supreme Court and the decision of the trial judge was ultimately affirmed by that Court.

The Judicial Conduct Board conducted an initial inquiry including a review of the pleadings and orders filed by the parties in the Court, as well as a review of the Supreme Court Decision. There is no doubt that this was an extremely difficult case with highly sensitive allegations being made by the parties. The trial court's decision was extremely detailed, both in terms of the substantive ruling and also in the analysis and explanatory sections which justified the conclusions being reached. To the extent the Complaint alleges ethical impropriety or a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Board has determined that the Complaint is unfounded and there is no cause for further proceedings. *Rules of the Supreme Court for the Disciplinary Control of Judges*, Rule 11.

The Complaint in Docket No. 16.035 is DISMISSED.

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